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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 04288 SENT ACTION SECSTATE
NAIROBI MOGADISCIO ADDIS ABABA MAR 09.

QUOTE S E C R E T BONN 04288

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, ET, SO

SUBJECT: SOMALI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OGADEN

REF: STATE 060457

1. AT ABOUT 1130Z TODAY WE MET PRIVATELY WITH VICE
PRESIDENT MOI TO CONVEY THE SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 2 AND 7
REFTEL. WITHOUT FURTHER COMMENT MOI SUMMONED 6 MEMBERS
OF THE DELEGATION (INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI
TO HEAR THE "IMPORTANT NEWS" AS WELL.

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2. INITIAL REACTION AMONG THE DELEGATION FOCUSED ON 3
POINTS:

--DID THIS MEAN THAT THE WSLF WOULD ALSO WITHDRAW?
(WHEN ASKED* WE SAID WE WERE NOT ADVISED, AND
COULD NOT GO BEYOND THE STATEMENT "ALL ELEMENTS
OF THE SOMALI NATIONAL ARMY.")

--WOULD THE 10,000 HEAVILY ARMED SOMALIS WHO WERE IN THE SOUTHERN OGADEN TRANSIT KENYA WITH OR WITHOUT WEAPONS? MOI NOTED THAT WITHDRAWAL THROUGH KENYA WOULD BE QUICKER AND SAFER THAN OTHER ALTERNATIVES.

--WOULD KENYAN INSURGENTS WHO WERE FIGHTING WITH THE WSLF ALSO HAVE FREE PASSAGE OR SHOULD THEY BE "DISARMED" IN KENYA. (WE REPEATED THAT SUCH DETAILS WERE BEST WORKED OUT BETWEEN NAIROBI AND MOGADISCIO AS URGED IN REFTEL.)

3. WE OFFERED TO CONVEY ANY MESSAGE MOI MIGHT HAVE. HE ASKED US TO PASS ON HIS PERSONAL THANKS TO WASHINGTON FOR THE INFORMATION BUT SAID THAT THE DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS THE NEWS INTERNALLY BEFORE GIVING ANY REACTION.

4. COMMENT: MOI'S ATTITUDE SEEMED POSITIVE. IT WAS MORE DIFFICULT TO TELL ABOUT THE REST OF THE DELEGATION. MEEHAN UNQUOTE VANCE

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